

matic success which no other American envoy has ever been able to duplicate. Events, it is true, had conspired to bring it about; but, so far as one man could by prudence and discretion avail himself of events, Livingston had done so. Monroe's popularity in France had added absolutely no weight to the mission. Hardly, however, had the treaty been signed and dispatched to America, before Livingston felt that Monroe was destined to enjoy the credit of it. The news from America served only to confirm this apprehension. Even the President, complacently identifying his own claims with Monroe's, lent his personal influence to appreciate Monroe's services to the disparagement of Livingston's. He wrote General Gates: "*I find our opposition is very willing to pluck feathers from Monroe, although not fond of sticking them into Livingston's coat. The truth is, both have a just portion of merit; and were it necessary or proper, it would be shown that each has rendered peculiar services and of important value. These grumblers, too, are very uneasy lest the administration should share some little credit for the acquisition, the whole of which they ascribe to the accident of war. They would be cruelly mortified could they see our files from May, 1801, the first organization of the administration, but more especially from April, 1802. They would see that though we could not say when war would arise, yet we said with energy what would take place when it should arise. We did not, by our intrigues, produce the war; but we availed ourselves of it when it happened.*" Such also was the tone of the correspondence maintained among the partisans of the President. From June 30th, when the news was divulged, nothing was heard but praise of the great leader who had brought about such magnificent results; and Jefferson could hardly have been expected to exert himself to disabuse the public mind. Those of the Republicans who had their misgivings kept them to themselves; and the murmurings of the Federalist opposition were drowned in "the cheers and congratulations of the happiest society the world then knew." But amidst it all the Republican leaders could not lose sight of